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UMC Wildlife Ecology Management Students Help Band Ducks at Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge

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Left to right: Spencer Berg, Justin Berg, and Trent Haffley

CROOKSTON, MN (September 29, 2006) – The Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge served as the classroom recently for students at the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC). Professor John Loegering's Wildlife Ecology and Management class had the opportunity to assist in banding ducks as part of a service learning project. At UMC, service learning combines academic classroom curriculum with meaningful community service.

One of the objectives of the Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge, located north of Thief River Falls, Minn., is to provide habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds. Biologists bands ducks to determine various aspects of the population's ecology such as survival rates, longevity, or migratory routes and patterns. It is also helpful in determining where various breeding populations spend the winter. To learn more about the Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge, visit <http://midwest.fws.gov/agassiz>

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